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BANK PRESIDENT SHOT.

[Special Despatch to the Transcript.]

NEW YORK, June 15.—President Wy-

ckoff of the New Amsterdam bank was

shot this afternoon in his office by a

crank who demanded \$5,000 in notes.

The assassin afterward shot himself.

Both are dangerously wounded and may

not recover.

LOCAL NEWS.

False Alarm.

There was considerable excitement on

Main street this afternoon by the sudden

appearance of the hook and ladder truck

going up the street at full speed, with bell

clanging and every indication of a serious

fire raging somewhere. The truck was

followed by the cart of Hose 1, drawn by

Hosley's truck team. In the rear came

numerous vehicles and bicyclists and the

entire outfit was bound for the scene of

the supposed fire. The firemen on the

hook and ladder were going to box 42 on

Meadow street and the contingent in the

rear were close at their heels, full of

excitement and expectation. Box 42 had

not been touched and the procession went

into the "swamp" district in search of a

blaze. No fire was found and the hook

and ladder and Hose 1 were taken to the

house on State street.

The unnecessary run was caused by a

wire crossing the fire alarm wire at the

Arnold Print works and sounding four

blasts from the whistle. The occurrence

anyway demonstrated the agility of the

firemen of the hook and ladder and num-

ber 1 hose company.

Mr. Crane's Master Stroke.

[From the Boston Advertiser.]

Murray Crane, member for Massachu-

setts of the national republican com-

mittee and a delegate-at-large to the St. Louis

convention, achieved a notable victory

over race prejudice and caste snobbery

when he compelled the Southern hotel to

recede from its refusal to entertain col-

ored members of the convention. His

success shows what pluck and principle

can do in this world, even against big

odds. The victory is very much more

than of personal, local or temporary im-

portance. It vindicates the good name of

Massachusetts against the aspersion that

her people no longer care for equal rights

and that there are no successors to Gar-

rison and Sumner and Phillips. Although

Mr. Crane as the representative of the

commonwealth on the national com-

mittee, was in a position to speak with

special authority, and so rose to the oc-

casion that we are all proud of him, warm

words of praise are due also to the other

members of the delegation from Mass-

achusetts, who right manfully stood by

and backed up their spokesman. Take at

all in all, the old Bay state has not had

for many a day greater reason to be

pleased with her children.

Old Fellows' Memorial Day.

Sunday was the day set apart by the

Odd Fellows as the day for decorating

the graves of dead comrades and the

members of the local lodge observed it

fittingly. The exercises were held in the

lodge rooms at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

By Telegraph

5.00 O'CLOCK.

LYMAN !!

Has Been Chosen as Massachu-
setts Member of National

Committee.

LODGE'S VIGOROUS WORK

FOR REED AND GOLD. HAN-
NA BEGINS TO WONDER IF
LODGE OWNS THE CON-
VENTION. IT MAY BE
DEFEW FOR
VICE PRESIDENT.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

ST. LOUIS, June 15.—The president

makers awoke today to a dreary drizzle of

rain which fell like a wet blanket over the

gaily decorated streets. No brass bands

were in evidence nor any marching, dele-

gations arriving this morning remaining

on the trains or taking the street cars.

The leaders were late in putting in an

appearance.

The day is one of platform agita-

tions. A three cornered fight has drawn

the lines sharply. Men from the East

who demand gold in the platform are

very determined and men like Lodge,

Platt and other opponents of McKinley

seem to feel they are placing McKinley in

hole by insisting upon an emphatic gold

declaration.

The program is to force the fight in the

resolutions committee, and if it cannot

win there to carry it to the convention.

Lodge Reed's manager is to lead fight for

a gold declaration. If not granted the

Reed men have hopes that the refusal

will solidify the gold vote on Reed. The

fact that so many McKinley men favor

gold gives rise to hopes that the gold men

will be successful. It has been the effort

of McKinley's friends to avoid a fight on

the floor of the convention between the

single standard and the free coinage fac-

tions.

The Massachusetts delegation are thor-

oughly alive and are showing much spirit

in their work for Reed and in their de-

mands for a strong gold utterance in the

platform. An early stroke of enterprise

was seen this morning at the Massachu-

setts parlors where colored men were

pasting posters of an aggressive yellow

hue on which red letters announced "We

are for gold." The Massachusetts men in-

tend to placard the whole town with these

posters.

At McKinley headquarters there was

more of a jam today than heretofore but

no change in the claims of Grosvenor,

Hahn and Thompson who do the tabulat-

ing. Unless there is some break from the

opposition McKinley's vote will not ex-

ceed 640 out of 918 on the estimate of his

managers.

The withdrawal of Bradley of Kentucky

has been anticipated. Bradley and the

Kentucky delegates arrived today. There

have been reports about strained relations

between Bradley and Hanna but it is

reported they had a friendly informal

meeting today and the Kentucky vote is

counted in the McKinley column by the

latter's managers. Hanna during the

forenoon received the Southern delegates.

There were no secret conferences today

but representatives from most states called

before the state delegations met for

organization and reported how they stood.

After the meeting of the Ohio delegation

a thorough system of missionary work in

making friendly calls on other delegations

will be begun. Foraker and Hanna re-

port no change in Ohio preferences in re-

gard to the financial plank.

There has been a drift towards a mod-

erate expression in favor of gold. Sen-

ator Lodge, who has drafted a gold decla-

ration and secured its endorsement by

representatives of a number of states, has

been pressing his plank with a great deal

of persistence and irritated some who

prefer a milder declaration.

Gen. Grosvenor, Ohio, said this morn-

ing "We know a great effort is being

made to force a certain form of declara-

tion. The probabilities are no one will

know what the financial plank will be un-

til the resolutions committee reports.

The New York delegation have practi-
cally given up hope of obtaining Morton's
consent to permit his name to be used as
candidate for Vice President, but will urge
it upon him if McKinley is nominated. In
the meantime rumor is busy with the
name of J. Sloat Fassett. He is favorably
received by westerners. It is claimed he
could obtain 60 of the New York votes.The McKinley people have busied them-
selves with the names of Depew and
Warner Miller. Depew would be accept-
able to both factions but Miller would not.
It is generally conceded that the second
place should go to the East.The National committee by a vote of 31
to 4 have decided it is inexpedient for the
committee to make any recommendation to
the convention for a change of basis of
representation.In a meeting of the New York delega-
tion this noon Warner Miller moved to
substitute Depew for Platt as chairman of
the delegation. A row was precipitated
and Quigley vigorously attacked Miller.Frederick Gibbs in making a motion to
adjourn characterized Miller as "Chronis
kicker," "Washer of dirty linen" and
"Political outcast." Miller was not
allowed to respond to these attacks and a
recess was taken until 8 o'clock. Miller
will obtain about ten votes for his motion.Miller went immediately to Hanna's
room. It is thought that Miller's move is
toward the nomination of Depew for vice
president and that the Ohio people are
willing to assist him.There was a very lively scene in Hanna's
room this morning when Senator Lodge
called to discuss the financial plank.
Lodge in his forceful way announced his
purpose of having a gold plank or the
overthrow of Hanna's plans. Hanna pro-ceeded to notify Lodge in no uncertain
way that he could not be forced and he
could not talk with Lodge on the subject.
"If you own this convention Mr. Lodge,"
he said, "Go on and run it your own way,
I shall not talk with you," and Lodge left
the room.Platt admitted this morning that the
issue which New York is now fighting is
gold instead of Morton. Platt had rep-
resentatives in all quarters today and his
callers were numerous.Senator Lodge who is managing the
Reed campaign with great vigor called
upon Platt and said he had been practi-
cally notified by the Hanna people that
he would not be allowed to dictate any
terms of the platform. Platt smiled and
said, "Well, maybe we'll change that
attitude before the day is over."The Massachusetts delegation have se-
lected the following committee: Member
of the National committee, Geo. Lyman;
Lodge; Vice Presidents, Curtis Guild; Cre-
dentials, Jesse M. Gore; permanent or-
ganization, R. R. Harris; Rules, W. M.
Butler; to notify the Presidential nomi-
nee, M. V. B. Jefferson; to notify the Vice
President candidate W. J. Hale.A private dispatch from Senator Lodge
says the money plank will stand for gold;
there will be no equivocation or evasion.
If it is taken out it will be by a direct vote
of the Convention. This would indicate
that Platt's prophecy above has been
already realized.

FINANCIAL.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

New York Market.

[Closing Quotations, 3 p. m.]

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Chesapeake & Ohio..... 12 1/2

Hocking Valley..... 12 1/2

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C. & O..... 12 1/2

Chicago Great West..... 12 1/2

St. Paul..... 12 1/2

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N. E. & T. P. R. F..... 12 1/2

Missouri Pacific..... 12 1/2

National Lead..... 12 1/2

New England..... 12 1/2

N. Y. Central..... 12 1/2

Ont. & West..... 12 1/2

N. Y. Sus. & W. common..... 12 1/2

No. Pacific pref..... 12 1/2

Pacific Mail..... 12 1/2

Phila. Reading..... 12 1/2

Western Union..... 12 1/2

Worcester & Lake Erie..... 12 1/2

A FIEND AT LARGE.

Females Feloniously Assaulted
at Adams and Cheshire Sat-
urday and Sunday.

COMMUNITIES GREATLY EXCITED.

Two Little Girls Attacked While Picking
Strawberries. A Woman Assaulted on a
Lonely Road in Cheshire. Authori-
ties Scouring the Country.About 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon,
Florence and Bertha, the thirteen and
twelve-year-old daughters of George
Johnson of Flak street were picking
strawberries in the field across from Lan-
sing Burdick's farm on West road, when
they were startled by an unknown man
man who ran from out the bushes and
yelled at them. The children started to
run but the man caught Florence, the
sister, and assaulted her savagely. She
struggled and her younger sister fought
with all her strength against the burly
assailant, both screaming loudly all the
time.Mr. Burdick, whose house is close by
heard their shrieks and hastened to help
them arriving just in time, for he had de-
layed another minute the brute's fiendish
purpose would have been accomplished.
The tramp, as the fellow was supposed to
be, ran and Mr. Burdick who is quite an
old man pursued him but to no purpose
and he escaped.The child's clothing was torn into
shreds and she was totally exhausted
from her struggle and her sister was
nearly as much so.They were taken home and Dr. Thomas
Riley was called. He stated that Florence
had not been injured seriously.

A Case in Cheshire.

Mrs. Letitia Johnson of Cheshire was
the victim of a brutal assault in that
town Sunday. She had been away from
her home and was returning at about
four o'clock in the afternoon. When
she reached a lonely piece of road near
her home she was seized by a rough look-
ing young man who had preceded her on
the road, and who attempted to drag her
into the bushes. Mrs. Johnson screamed
and fought desperately and her assailant
was finally frightened away by the ap-
proach of two men. The ground was torn
up in a way which showed that there had
been a desperate struggle. Mrs. Johnson
did not know her assailant, who disap-
peared suddenly when the other men
came along. She was covered with
bruises and was well high exhausted when
he arrived. She was assisted to her
home and is still confined to her bed.This morning Matt Doyle, a tough look-
ing young man who has been working
for a Cheshire farmer for a short time,
drew his pay and left. This, with other
circumstances, leads to the belief that he
is the man who committed the assault,
and the authorities are hunting for him.
Doyle is about twenty years old and has
the appearance of a tramp. Mrs. John-
son is forty years old. The people of
Cheshire are generally excited.

A MAN OF RECORDS.

What Has Been Accomplished by Wheel-
man Stowe of Conway.F. Baron Stowe of Conway, who at the
bicycle race met Saturday lowered the
track and county record from 2:15 to
2:10 3/4, has made some pretty good
records as a wheelman. Three years ago
last season he won fifty-seven prizes at
twenty-five meets. At Sandy Hill, N. Y.,
he broke the world's unpaired standing
start record in 1901. He rode one mile
with H. R. Mosher in competition on a
tandem at Albany, N. Y., in 2:07 2/5, and
he holds the Franklin county champion-
ship.He won his first race this season—a half-
mile open—at Westfield. In 1894 he made
seven world's records in races of from a
quarter of a mile to five miles, and these
records are standing at the present date.Mr. Stowe rides under the colors of the
Hartem Wheelmen of New York. He is
twenty-two years old, stands 5 feet 10 1/2
inches high and races at 155 pounds.

ENGINEERS TO ORGANIZE.

Meeting to be Held at Odd Fellows' Hall
Wednesday Night.At a meeting to be held at Odd Fellows'
hall Wednesday evening a council of the
American Order of Steam Engineers will
be organized, and officers will be elected.
After this step has been taken a charter
will be procured and the officers will be
installed by the grand master. It is ex-
pected the council will have about forty
charter members.The object of this order is to mutually
benefit the members, to assist them in
procuring situations, to increase their
efficiency, etc.Councils have been organized in several
places in Massachusetts the past year and
the membership of the order is steadily
growing.

A Lamp Exploded.

The alarm of fire which was rung in at
1:30 o'clock Sunday by Officer Seilly was
for a small fire caused by the explosion of
a lamp in T. Riddon's shoe store, 20 Main
street. The officer saw the lamp, which
was in a bracket on a petition in the rear

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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

SUPT. BECKWITH TO LEAVE.

Has Been Elected Principal of the Salem Normal School.

Saturday, Superintendent Walter P. Beckwith of the Adams Public schools, was unanimously elected by the state board of education, principal of the Salem Normal school to succeed Professor Hager who has been in charge for thirty-one years and resigns on account of ill health. Dr. Hager is seventy-seven years old.

Superintendent Beckwith was in Chicago as the guest of his friend, ex-Mayor W. W. McClure and did not return until Sunday evening and did not hear of his election, which was a total surprise, until sometime after his return.

This morning he told a TRANSCRIPT reporter that all he knew about it was that he had been given the place and that he would go to Boston this week to learn the particulars from Dr. Capen, who is one of the visiting board of the school. It is probable, however, that he will not be required to assume his new position until September, when the new normal school will be ready for occupancy.

Superintendent Beckwith has had charge of the public schools of the town eighteen years, having come here in January, 1878, from Chicopee Falls, where he had been principal of the high school less than two years. These two positions are the only ones he held since graduating from Tufts college in 1876.

He has always been closely identified with matters of public interest even outside of his school duties. He has been chairman of the public library trustees since the institution was established in 1883.

He and his family are regular attendants of St. Paul's Universalist church and he is one of the parish trustees. Berkshire lodge, F. & A. M., and Greylock lodge, A. O. U. W., number him upon their rolls and he is an officer of the Hoosac club, composed of representative men of Adams.

Under his efficient management the public schools of Adams have attained high standing among the best of the state and they will suffer and irreparable loss by his departure. The town will lose a sterling citizen and Salem will be the gainer of Adams' loss.

Bicycle Stolen from a Hotel.

Cyril Maynard, a clerk in George N. Yeaton's dry goods store, who boards at the Commercial house on Myrtle street, left his bicycle in the hallway of the entrance at the east side Saturday night and sometime between that time and Sunday morning the wheel was stolen. The bicycle is a Waverly and its number is 21,433. It has a black frame and wooden rims. The police were notified Sunday evening.

For Keeping a Disorderly House.

Mrs. Lydia Gurney, who lives on Hoosac street in the Dean house behind M. C. Richmond's grist mill, was arrested by Chief Curran and Captain Hodecker on a warrant charging her with being the keeper of a disorderly house. She came up before Special Justice Harrington at 9 o'clock and stated that she was not ready for trial. The case was continued until Thursday morning.

Sarah E. Goneroux.

Sarah E. Goneroux, fifteen years old, died at her mother's home on Bellevue avenue Sunday of consumption. She was a daughter of the late George and Evangeline Goneroux and was born in this town October 10, 1880. She was a popular young woman who attended school and is mourned by her classmates and many friends. The funeral will be held from the church of Notre Dame at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

A Lively Runaway.

About 7:45 o'clock this morning Selectman George Shand's team of black horses which was at work on Commercial street became frightened and dashed south along the street at a fast gallop. Near John L. Manchester's house the horses ran upon the sidewalk and smashed the fence in front of the house. They kept on for some distance but were finally stopped without doing further damage.

Miss Mary Giroux.

Mary Giroux, daughter of Canapet and Turzy Giroux of Commercial street died Sunday after long suffering from consumption. She was formerly employed in the L. L. Brown paper mill where she had scores of friends. She was born in this town June 30, 1877. The funeral will occur from the church of Notre Dame at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

New Drum Corps Organized.

A number of young men have formed a drum corps and have named it after Forest Park. They have ordered instruments and a uniform and will begin practice at once under the direction of William Heene. These officers have been elected: President and treasurer, Jerry McDonald; vice-president, William Heene; secretary, Walter Bergman.

D. Mullen is in training and will enter several races at the coming bicycle meet of the Troy Bicycle club.

The Derbys and Clippings played a *show* baseball game on the Redford grounds Saturday afternoon and the former won by a score of 22 to 14. Manager J. F. Sullivan of the Derbys has arranged a game for Saturday with the St. Jean Baptiste nine of North Adams. Purcell and McGilvray will be the Derby battery.

This year's graduation class of the high school has returned to the old custom of inviting all the alumni to the commencement reception.

Excellent programs were carried out by the children at the Baptist and Methodist churches and Zylomite chapel Sunday evening in honor of Children's Sunday.

Jacob A. Chase will sell at public auction July 7, the property of George H. Camp-

bell of Windsor to satisfy mortgage claim held by him.

Edward Pencibley led Sunday's meeting of the Baptist Young People's union on the topic, "The Waste of Intemperance."

Rev. Father M. J. Coyne, assisted by Fred McGrath started today to take the Catholic census and a collection for St. Thomas church.

Judge N. H. Birby was in Boston today on business.

Joseph Pelky bought the house in the rear of the town hall Saturday afternoon for \$15 and has begun tearing it down.

W. C. Phillips, who resides next door to the Methodist church, does good work as a painter and paper hanger. The number of his post office box is 322.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

The Village Improvement Society.

A meeting will be held in the opera house this evening with the purpose of reviving the Village Improvement society which has been in a slow existence for some years. All are cordially invited to be present at the opera house at 8 o'clock this evening.

The pews have been placed in the Episcopal church.

Mrs. George Parmenter is ill with tonsillitis.

Mrs. George Parmenter, Sr., is in Templeton, Mass., visiting friends.

The Congregational church was well filled Sunday evening when Rev. Theodore Sedgwick addressed the members of the high school. Mr. Sedgwick took as his text Mark ix 24—"Lord I believe, help Thou mine unbelief." He stated that each one passes through three stages of life, Independence, Doubt, and Faith, each overlapping the other. The stage of Independence is altogether a dangerous one but has the good point of bringing one to doubt of one's knowledge, religion and even of human nature. After a period of doubt one begins to have faith in human nature and above all in God.

Mr. Sedgwick gave interesting examples to illustrate each stage. The church was well filled with alumni and members of the school and friends.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church held their monthly Home Missionary meeting at 6:45 Sunday evening.

At the children's day exercises in the Methodist church Sunday evening about fifteen children carried banners and read or spoke appropriate selections. The banners were made of paper and the figures and words were put on in colors.

Superintendent Arthur Lindley conducted the service assisted by Prof. Joseph W. Lawrence leading the choir. The church was crowded no seats being vacant and many were obliged to stand.

To Rent.—A desirable tenement of four rooms on John Street. Inquire of Thomas Murphy, John street.

GREYLOCK.

David Wiggins of Lowell has returned to his old position as twister in the Greylock mills.

Eric Berard has erected a platform at the rear of his barber shop, where a pleasant social dance was held Saturday evening. It is intended to hold dances there regularly through the summer.

Henry Howe of Lewiston, Me., has taken a position as overseer in the spinning department of the Greylock mills.

POWNA.

A Republican caucus had been called for Friday evening to choose delegates to the state and district convention to be held in Burlington and Rutland. As a rule, caucuses of this kind are poorly attended but in this case nearly 100 men turned out. The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by S. L. Smith chairman of the Republican town committee. W. E. Niles was elected moderator. The following delegates and alternates were elected: State convention, D. T. Bates and A. J. Merchant; District convention, Solomon Wright and G. T. Parker; alternates, C. H. Myers and A. B. Gardner. J. W. Gardner, J. W. Wright and W. E. Niles were elected Republican town committee for two years.

Pownal has neutralized the effect of her vote for Governor as Mr. Bates is a Sticksney man and Mr. Merchant a Grant man.

The funeral of Mayor W. Haley who died of heart failure at North Pownal Thursday occurred at the Methodist church here at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday. His comrades of the G. A. R. post in Williamstown had charge of the funeral.

Solomon Wright has laid out a number of building lots in the lot east of the Baptist Parsonage. Joseph Berard has bought the corner lot and will commence to build a house at once.

A fair sized audience greeted Rev. W. R. Stocking in the second of his series of lectures in the M. E. Amey Friday night.

Miss Borthia Card has recently purchased a Crescent bicycle. She is becoming very proficient in the art.

Mrs. Canary of Amsterdam, N. Y., is visiting her sister Mrs. E. L. Arnold.

George Dunn has returned to town after a two weeks' stay in Manchester where he has been serving on a jury.

Ernest Haley, who has been ill the past few days, is much better.

W. L. Myers has the measles for the second time this summer.

Dr. L. E. Potter was in town for a short time Friday.

Mrs. Morrill Barker of Chicago, Ill., is here to spend the summer.

A barn near the Niles school house was struck by lightning Wednesday and burned down. It was owned by Herbert Amdon and was used as a store house for farming tools, all of which were saved.

Mrs. Elliot L. Niles is entertaining Mrs. Andrew Potter and daughter, Miss Agnes Potter of North Adams.

Samuel Wright and daughter are visiting in Blackington.

How to Wash Plants.

Take a handful of tobacco stems and steep them in pouring boiling water over them until the water looks like strong tea. When the water has become cool wipe off the leaves and stems with a sponge or soft cloth. Reduce the strength of the infusion with more water, and thoroughly wet the earth around the roots. This will keep the plant healthy and remove all insects.

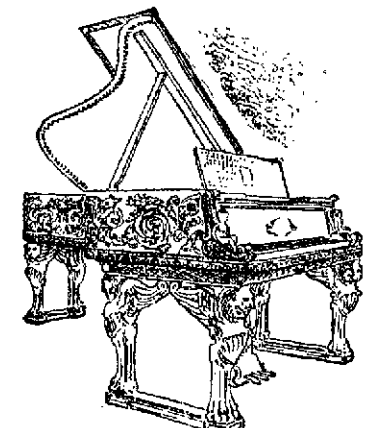
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There was a time when a piano was a piano, and that was the end of it. The case was of rosewood or mahogany. It had serpentine molding around it, or else it didn't. It had carved legs or angular ones. You could pay your money and take your choice. But the time came when people had more money and more choice too. They had white and gold music rooms, in which the old rosewood stand seemed so out of harmony that even its music was not appreciated. Then they began gliding the cases and making them of curly maple and other light woods. Finally a piano and its case were regarded not only as a musical instrument, but as a piece of furniture, to be as carefully fitted into its surroundings as a chair or a table or hangings.

But this wasn't all. There were possibilities in a piano which chairs and tables did not possess—possibilities of decoration, the most artistic and costly.



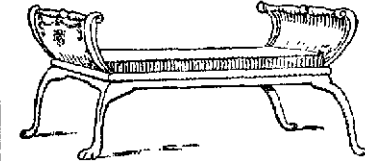
HIGHLY CARVED PIANO CASE.

In Europe great artists did not seem to devote their talents to the decoration of a piano case any more than they would have refused to fresco the walls of a music room. A few of America's money kings went to Europe for their piano cases, had them brought to New York and then put American mechanism, the piano proper, inside of them. The imported exterior was better than anything that could be had on this side of the water, just as the American interior was unequalled in Europe.

Although there are not many people who are willing to spend even so much as \$25,000 on a piano, there has, nevertheless, been a wonderful change in the way Americans buy pianos. Special cases—that is, cases designed to order and with reference to the room in which a piano is to stand—are the rule now and not the exception among people of wealth. There is scarcely a house belonging to New York's Four Hundred which does not contain a piano in a specially designed case. So great has become the demand for these elaborate and artistic cases that the best New York manufacturers employ designers trained in Europe in order to do the work here which formerly had to be sent abroad.

Quite naturally the rage for empire furnishings brought about an epidemic of pianos in that style, but they are varied by Chippendale and colonial and white enameled ones. The warerooms contain many pianos which, although not designed to order, are yet destined to fit into particular surroundings.

Artisans, it appears, do not spend their money on elaborate cases. They select a good toned instrument, and the plain rosewood or mahogany case is good enough for them. The early maple has quite lost its popularity, by the way. If one wants a light wood, he can be accommodated in a white mahogany. There is nothing, however, for the average buyer to compare with the old fashioned words, while for the exceptional buyer there are special designers ready to make him a case which no one can duplicate. The foregoing is from the New York Sun, which recently illustrated a highly carved piano case and examples of expensive piano stools.



EMPIRE PIANO STOOL.

Escaloped Tomatoes. For this the tomatoes should first be peeled and then sliced. Following this, a layer of them should be placed in the bottom of a baking dish and sprinkled over with half a teaspoonful of chopped onions. Above should come a generous layer of bread crumbs seasoned with pepper, salt and butter. Repeat with a layer of tomatoes, another half teaspoonful of chopped onions, with bread crumbs and the seasoning above. These alternate layers should be continued until the top of the baking dish is reached, bread crumbs being left on the top. Over all should be poured one cupful of rich sweet milk. Bake two hours.

Asparagus Salad.

Few realize what delicious salad asparagus makes. Cook the asparagus in salted boiling water, drain it, and when it is cold cut it into thin pieces down as far as it is tender and serve with a mayonnaise or a French dressing.

Tried and Found Good.

A writer in the New York Sun says: A "tried and found good" compound for destroying carpet bugs is made of one ounce of alum, one ounce of chloride of zinc and three ounces of salt. Mix with two ounces of water and let it stand overnight in a corked bottle, then pour it carefully into another vessel, add two quarts of water to it, and with an old brush sprinkle until quite damp around the edges of the carpet for a quarter of a yard in depth from the wall. This will not injure the colors of the carpet.

Novel Way to Shell Peas.

A New York exchange tells that the chef in one of the large hotels has hit upon a novel method of shelling peas. He uses an ordinary clothes wringer, and the rapidly whirling wheel, as they go between the rollers, brush, passing through to the other side, leaving the peas behind. The first impression one gets is that the peas are likely to get bruised. Such, however, is not the case. As the pods stain the rollers, an old one should be used.

HOW TO GO TO SLEEP.

Try the Possible—We Must Think, but We Needn't Think Connectedly.

For occasional victims of sleeplessness in ordinary physical health here is a simple remedy that will be found efficacious in probably five cases out of six. Do not attempt to stop the action of the mind by one supreme effort of the will. Do not try to go to sleep or even think about sleep. But stop making sentences. A writer in Popular Science says: "I have been told that the best way to get to sleep is to think of a word, and then to think of a sentence, and then to think of a paragraph, and then to think of a story, and then to think of a play, and then to think of a novel, and then to think of a life, and then to think of a world, and then to think of a universe, and then to think of a God, and then to think of a soul, and then to think of a spirit, and then to think of a ghost, and then to think of a demon, and then to think of a devil, and then to think of a hell, and then to think of a heaven, and then to think of a paradise, and then to think of a bliss, and then to think of a glory, and then to think of a triumph, and then to think of a victory, and then to think of a conquest, and then to think of a power, and then to think of a dominion, and then to think of a kingdom, and then to think of an empire, and then to think of a world, and then to think of a universe, and then to think of a 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